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M E S S I A H,

P A R T, I.



S O L O.

COMFORT ye, Comfort ye my People, saith your GOD.

Speak ye comfortably to *Jerusalem*, and cry unto her, That her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned.

The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a high way for our GOD.

Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and

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the crooked shall be made straight, and
the rough places plain.

CHORUS.

And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together :
for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.

SOLO.

Thus saith the LORD of Hosts, Yet once, a
little while, and I will shake the heaven,
and the earth, the sea, and the dry land.

The LORD whom ye seek, shall suddenly
come to his temple ; even the Messenger
of the covenant, whom ye delight in : yea
he shall come.

But who may abide the day of his coming ?
and who shall stand when he appeareth ?
for he is like a refiner's fire.

CHORUS.

And he shall purify the sons of *Levi*, that
they may offer unto the LORD an offering
in righteousness.

SOLO.

Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a
son.

son, and shall call his name *Emanuel*, God with us.

O thou that tellest good tidings to *Zion*, get thee up into the mountain; lift up thy voice with strength: say unto the cities of *Judah*, Behold your God.

Arise, shine, for the light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee.

CHORUS.

O thou that tellest good tidings to *Zion*, good tidings to *Jerusalem*, arise, shine.

SOLO.

For, behold, darkness shall cover the earth: and gross darkness the people.

But the LORD shall arise upon thee: and his glory shall be seen upon thee.

The people that walked in darkness, have a great light: and they that dwell in the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined.

CHORUS.

For unto us a son is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called *Wonderful Counsellor*, *The Mighty God*,
The

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The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

S O L O.

There were shepherds abiding in the field,
keeping watch over their flock by night.

And lo, the angel of the LORD came upon them, and the glory of the LORD shone round about them, and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not : for, behold, I bring you good tidings, of great joy, which shall be to all People.

For unto you is born in the city of *David*, a Saviour, which is CHRIST *The LORD*.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying.

C H O R U S.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace on earth, good will towards men.

S O L O.

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of *Zion* ; shout, O daughter of *Jerusalem* : behold thy king, cometh unto thee.

Then

Then shall the eyes of the blind be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped,

Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and
the tongue of the dumb shall sing.

He shall feed his flock like a shepherd, and
carry them in his bosom, and gently lead
those that are with young.

Come unto him all ye that labour, and he
will give you rest ;

Take his yoke upon you, and learn of him,
for he is meek, and lowly of heart : and ye
shall find rest unto your souls.

CHORUS.

His yoke is easy, and his burden is light.
His yoke, &c.



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PART, II.

CHORUS.

BEHOLD the Lamb of God, that takest
away the sins of the World.

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SOLO.

He was despised, rejected of Men, a Man of
sorrow, and acquainted with grief.

He gave his back to the smiters and his
cheeks to them that plucked off the Hair,
he hid not his Face from shame and spitting.

He was despised, rejected of Men, a Man of
sorrows and acquainted with grief.

CHORUS.

Surely, surely, he hath born our grief, and
carried our sorrows.

He was wounded for our transgression, and
with his stripes we are healed.

All we like sheep are gone a stray, we are
turned every one to his own way, and the
LORD hath laid on him, the iniquity of
us all.

SOLO.

All they that see him laugh him to scorn:
they shoot out their lips and shake their
heads, saying,

CHORUS.

He trusted in GOD, that he would deliver
him, let him deliver him, if he will have him.

SOLO

S O L O

Thy rebuke hath broken my Heart, he looked for some to have pity on him, but there was no Man; neither found he any to comfort him.

Behold, and see if there be any sorrow like my sorrow.

He was cut out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken.

But thou didst not leave his soul in hell: nor didst thou suffer thy holy One to see corruption.

C H O R U S

Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors: and the king of glory shall come in.

The L O R D, strong and mighty, the L O R D mighty in battle, who is the King of Glory? the L O R D of Host, he is the King of Glory.

S O L O.

Unto which of the A N G E L S, said he at any time, thou art my son, this day have I begotten thee.

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CHORUS.

Let all the ANGELS of GOD, worship him.

SOLO.

Thou art gone ^{up} on High, thou hast led Captivity Captive.

And received gifts for Men, even for thine Enemies, that the LORD GOD, might dwell among them.

CHORUS.

The LORD gave the word, great was the Company of the Preachers.

SOLO.

How Beautiful are the feet of them, that Preach the Gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things.

There sound is gone out into all lands: and their words into the ends of the world.

How beautiful, &c.

SOLO.

Why do the nation so furiously rage together: and why do the people imagine a vain thing.

The kings of the earth rise up, and the rulers take counsel together: against the LORD, and against his Anointed,

Why do &c.

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Let us break their bonds afunder : and cast away their yokes from us.

SOLO.

He that dwelleth in Heaven, shall laugh them to scorn, the LORD shall have them in derision.

Thou shalt bruise them with a rod of iron : thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.

CHORUS.

Hallelujah ! Hallelujah ! Hallelujah ! Hallelujah ! for the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth

The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of the LORD, and of his *Christ* ; and he shall reign for ever, and ever, KING of kings, and LORD of lords : *and he shall reign for ever, and ever.*



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PART III.

SOLO.

I Know that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth. And

And though worms destroy this body, yet in
my flesh shall I see G O D.

For now is CHRIST risen from the dead, the
first fruits of them that slept.

C H O R U S.

Since by man came death, by man came also
the resurrection of the dead.

For as in *Adam* all die, even so in CHRIST
shall all be made alive.

S O L O.

Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not
all sleep, but we shall be changed in a mo-
ment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the
last trump:

The trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall
be raised incorruptible, and we shall be
changed.

For this corruptible must put on incorruption,
and this mortal must put on immortality:

S O L O.

Then shall be brought about the saying that
is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.

D U E T T.

O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where
is thy victory? The

The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law.

C H O R U S.

But thanks be to G O D, who givest us the victory, through our Lord *Jesus Christ*.

S O L O.

If G O D be for us, who can be against us? Who shall lay any thing to the charge of G O D's elect? it is G O D that justifieth:

Who is he that condemneth? it is C H R I S T that died, yea rather that he is risen again who is at the right hand of G O D, who makes intercession for us.

C H O R U S.

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain, and hath redeemed us to G O D by his blood, to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.

Blessing and honour, glory and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb, for ever, and ever; for ever, and ever. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.





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Dr. *B O Y C E.*



PSAL XXVI. ver. i.

BE thou my judge, O LORD, for I have
walked innocently: my trust hath been
also in the LORD, therefore shall I not fall.

2. Examine me, O LORD, and prove me:
try out my reins and my heart.

3. For thy loving kindness is ever before
mine eyes: and I will walk in thy truth.

6. I will wash my hands in innocency, O
LORD, and so will I go to thine altar.

7. That I may shew the voice of thanksgiving:
And tell of all thy wond'rous Works.

PSAL.



PSAL. LXXII.

1. **G**IVE the king thy judgments, O
GOD: and thy righteousness unto
the king's son.
2. Then shall he judge thy people according
unto right: and defend the poor.
3. The mountains also shall bring peace: and
the little hills righteousness unto the people.
5. They shall fear thee, as long as the sun and
moon endureth: from one generation to a-
nother.
7. In his time shall the righteous flourish:
yea, and abundance of peace, so long as the
moon endureth.
8. His dominion shall be also from the one
sea to the other: and from the flood unto
the world's end.
11. All kings shall fall down before him:
all nations shall do him service. *Amen*

Dr. BOYCE.

PSAL. XXVII.

1. **T**HE LORD is my light and my
salvation, whom then shall I fear?
the LORD is the strength of my life, of
whom then shall I be afraid?

3. Though

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3. Though an host of men were laid against me, yet shall not my heart be afraid; and though there rose up war against me, yet will I put my trust in him.
4. One thing have I desired of the LORD, which I will require: even that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the fair beauty of the LORD, and to visit his Temple.
5. For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his tabernacle: yea, in the secret place of his dwelling shall he hide me, and set me up upon a rock of stone.
6. And now shall he lift up mine head: above mine enemies round about me.
7. Therefore will I sing and speak praises unto the LORD.

Dr. Boyce.

IV. CHAP. *of the first* Epistle to
the Thessalonians, VER. 14.

IF we believe that JESUS died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in JESUS will GOD bring with him.

15. For this we say unto you by the word of the LORD, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the LORD shall not prevent them which are asleep.

16. For

16. For the LORD himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of GOD : and the dead in CHRIST shall rise first :
 17. Then we which are alive, and remain, shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the LORD in the air : and so shall we ever be with the LORD.
 18. Wherefore, comfort one another with these words. Dr. BOYCE.



PSAL. XIII. VER. I.

HOW long wilt thou forget me, LORD ?
 Must I for ever mourn ?

How long wilt thou withdraw from me ?
 O never to return

2. How long shall anxious thoughts my soul,
 And grief my heart oppress ?

How long mine enemies insult,
 And I have no redress ?

3. O hear, and to my longing eyes
 Restore my wonted light :

O hear, and save me, lest I sleep
 In everlasting night.

4. Then shall my song, with praise inspir'd,
 To Thee, my GOD, ascend,
 That to thy servant in distress,
 Such bounty did'st extend.

Mr. HANDEL.



